

18 October 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Soviet Military Aid to North Vietnam

1. Attached is a quick survey of Soviet military aid to North Vietnam requested by Secretary Laird. I took it with me to what I thought was our scheduled session for 18 October. Laird was out of town, I saw Packard instead and gave a copy of this note to him (the original was left with General Pursley for Laird).

2. Packard was extremely interested in this memo which he thought was very well done. He was particularly struck by the discrepancy between the total levels of Soviet aid for North Vietnam as opposed to our aid levels for South Vietnam. Packard will be attending the 18 October SRG session on Cambodia and may refer to this memorandum since he is most anxious for the U.S. not to repeat in Cambodia some of the expensive aid errors it may have committed in South Vietnam. In essence, Packard wonders why the Soviets appear to get so much more in return for their aid dollar. The issues here involved are not simple, but his question is nonetheless a good one.

George A. Carver, Jr.
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

Attachment

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cc: General Cushman w/att

VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS STAFF
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

DATE: 18 Oct 71

TO: The Honorable Melvin R. Laird
The Secretary of Defense
FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT:

REMARKS:

Attached is the memo you requested
assessing the Soviet military aid
program.

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